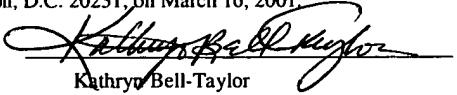


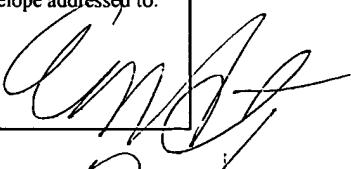


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2000 for which a response was due on December 18, 2000 and for which a three month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from December 18, 2000 to March 19, 2001 (the next succeeding business day).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: